

Phonics Checks 2026

Quick Guide

This Phonics Check quick guide outlines the steps to getting started using the new online tool in 2026, with links to supporting resources and guidance

Steps	Links to resources	
1	ESL Delegated Authoriser sets up your ESL access to the online Phonics Checks tool	Phonics Checks - Assessment materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Phonics Check Tool School Administrator Instructions
2	Read guidance and watch videos on the new tool	Phonics checks - Guidance for schools
3	Complete module to be confident using the online tool.	Education LMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing the Phonics Check: Administration module
4	Login to the online Phonics Check tool using your ESL.	Phonics Checks - Assessment materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Phonics Check Tool Teacher Instructions https://phonicschecks.education.govt.nz
5	Download assessment materials (optional) for your 2026 Phonics Check kits.	Phonics Checks - Assessment materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Script • Student materials • Marking sheets • Scoring guidance
6	Carry out Phonics Checks!	https://phonicschecks.education.govt.nz
7	Respond to results with data-informed instruction	Phonics Checks handbook Phonics Checks - Guidance for schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to results • Whole school practice NZC - English learning area Phase 1 Accelerating progress in literacy